CHAPTER NO. 79

HOUSE BILL NO. 2822

By Representative Buck

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2064

By Senator Beavers

AN ACT relative to the jurisdiction of probate matters and administration of estates in Macon County and to repeal Chapter 234 of the Private Acts of 1982.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 234 of the Private Acts of 1982, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 16-16-201 and 18-6-106, the chancery court of Macon County is vested with jurisdiction over the probate of wills and the administration of estates of decedents, minors, infants, and incompetents. The clerk and master shall function as the clerk of such court and shall retain all records and other documents relating to probate matters and the administration of estates of decedents, minors, infants, and incompetents.

SECTION 3. All probate matters and the administration of any estate pending in any other court in Macon County on the effective date of this act shall be transferred to the chancery court of Macon County and such court may hear and make final disposition in such matters as if it had originated in such court. On such effective date, all records and other documents pertaining to a probate matter or the administration of an estate that are currently being maintained by the county clerk shall be transferred to the clerk and master.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Macon County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body of Macon County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.

PASSED: February 18, 2004

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

